

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** vbbobr@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:59 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support Council's Endorsement of the recall of George Gascon

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Robert Richards

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Joy Friend <joydfriend@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:48 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gascon Recall

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Dear MB City Council and City Clerk,

We support Council's endorsement of the Gascon recall.

Thank you,  
Scott and Joy Roberts, 30 year MB residents

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**From:** James F. Myrtle <jfmyrtle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:42 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recall George Gascone

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James Myrtle

26 yr resident

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**From:** Heidi Rayden <heidirayden@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:36 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gascon Recall Please Support

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Dear City Council ,

Manhattan Beach City Council took an oath to protect the citizens of Manhattan Beach.

From reducing felonies to misdemeanors to the HANNAH TUBBS case ... (along with the hundreds of other victims of crime re-victimized by Gascons office)... this DA does not care about honest, law abiding citizens. We do not have to "wait" until we turn into SF.

Manhattan Beach should absolutely be taking a stand against this DA & show MB residents they support law & order. I urge MBCC to vote in support of the Gascon recall.

Thank you ,

Heidi Rayden Tobias

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Allen Kirschenbaum <akpubbox@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:47 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Endorsement of Recall of LA County District Attorney

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The Manhattan Beach City Council vote to support the recall of LA County District Attorney is a naked political ploy, pandering to the worst fears of our community regarding a "rise in crime".

- Recalls are meant as a last resort against criminal activity or malfeasance on the part of the incumbent, neither of which has District Attorney Gascon been charged with.
- Recalls are expensive and inherently undemocratic, as the incumbent must garner a 50% vote while a challenger can get a single digit percentage vote in a large field and still win.

Our Police Chief has stated that he has a good working relationship with the District Attorney, and no one has substantiated claims that arrests made in Manhattan Beach go unprosecuted.

Our City has important business with the District Attorney's office, including getting a Homeless Court organized and approved. Why is our City Council taking action to undermine the relationship with the District Attorney to avoid completing this business?

While crime is up throughout California and the United States, our Manhattan Beach Police Department continues to do an excellent job in both prevention and apprehension. Rather than undermining the relationship with the District Attorney, the City Council should focus on supporting the police's efforts to get residents to lock car and residential doors rather than blaming the DA for the rise in the crime rate.

Allen Kirschenbaum

April 5, 2022

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**From:** David Denitz <ddenitz@gatewaybp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:24 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recall Gascon

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George Gascon policies jeopardizes our safety. What needs to happen for a majority to see it? You or a family member needs to be threatened or killed by a convict that's been let out for a "misdemeanor" only for that person to heighten his crime to felony homicide? Wait until that happens to you neighbor! Then will you change your tune? usThis town needs its own independence in order to keep the safety. Feel free to call me to discuss.

310-704-1838 David Denitz --

Sincerely yours,

**David Denitz**

Principal



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**From:** Leanne Meyers <leannemeyers@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:04 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Bruce Moe  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tonight's meeting agenda item regarding recall

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Council Members,

I would like to address your efforts to recall Mr. Gascon.

This is political theater looking to stimulate fear over rising crime. The MB police chief has stated that the Manhattan Beach Police Department has a good relationship with the LA District Attorney. Why do you the Manhattan Beach City Council want to undermine this?

Recalls should only be used when an elected official is charged with a crime or malfeasance. A recall should Not to be used to litigate results of a past election. You the City Council want to spend taxpayer money on a recall and spend money on establishing a new Manhattan Beach court for misdemeanors. This is not a matter for the City Council. This is a matter for the voters. If the city Council cannot show our city will be improved focus on Manhattan Beach issues please. Issues like funding the Manhattan Beach Fire Department properly!

Respectfully,

**Leanne Meyers** |  
1601 N. Sepulveda Blvd. #635  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
| C: 310-500-7417

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**From:** Joanne Hadley <joanne@hadleybiz.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:26 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Recall

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

If voters want to out or replace an elected official, in this case, Gascon, recall is not the way to do it. This vote appears to be political theater looking to stimulate fear of rising crime. There is no evidence of the DA failing to prosecute Manhattan Beach crimes. The Manhattan Beach City Council cannot show that our City will be improved by a Gascon recall. You should instead focus on Manhattan Beach issues and not spend our taxpayer money on this.

And anyway, the likelihood of recall succeeding is low, given Gascon's widespread support throughout the LA Basin (but not the South Bay) during the last election:

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/2020-la-da-race-gascon-lacey-vote-analysis/>

Why is the City Council making a decision about the recall that should be left to voting citizens? Even if a recall was successful, who would replace Gascon and for how long? During the short timeframe between replacement and the next election, chaos is likely to ensue. A few months of a new DA only to be replaced by someone else a few months later might do more harm than good.

Let's instead go for policy change that secures our neighborhoods, our residents and our businesses. Let's work to communicate with Gascon changes we think would better serve our community. The Manhattan Beach Police Chief has publicly stated that MBPD has a good working relationship with the LA District Attorney. He and others can advise us on where to focus our energy so that this effort can make a difference.

Manhattan Beach residents of all political persuasions are likely to agree to support this and get better achieve intended results. A recall effort, even if activated, has little likelihood of actually replacing Gascon.

I also wonder...If the City Council is worried about the crime surge in LA County, why aren't they demanding the recall of Sheriff Villanueva given that the Sheriff Department's Homicide Clearance Rate fell from 71% in 2019 to approximately 40% in 2021? Voters are ready to address this at election time, as we should.

I urge you to vote against the resolution to recall Gascon.

Thank you,  
Joanne Hadley  
MB Resident since 1989  
763 33rd Street



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**From:** bev <bevgiw2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] re april 5th council meeting - and about gascon

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voters must vote, and either recall those whom they feel have let them down in some way. city councils shouldn't be 'voting FOR us.' politics is local. and we all need to participate.

it is actually frightening to me that some members of manhattan beach are trying to convince the city council to actually usurp the people's right to vote - to recall or not - rather than simply not reelect a properly elected government official. people elected him. people need not repeat it. if that's how they feel. they - not city officials non directly involved. and we DO have good working relations with gascon.

this attempt to usurp individual voting rights is downright scary. it's as if these so-called righteous enthusiasts, for want of a better word, are inciting and echoing the dreadful attacks and misbehaviors witnessed the past couple of weeks in washington re the senate's - OUR senate - judiciary hearings, politically bellicose and unsubstantiated regarding judge jackson, biden's scotus nominee, horrifically being attacked as 'soft on crime and criminals.' these rabid attacks are untrue, as quoted by DA and police organizations wherever she has ruled. facts are facts, unless kellyanne conway's declared 'alternative facts', (mis)used for four years - and still going - by the prior president of america. he twice impeached....

the manhattanites behind the effort to recall gascon - who is on good terms with this city! - accuse him of causing a huge crime spike during his tenure. our entire country has exploded with crime and despair and hunger and mass shootings and death by suicide these past 2 1/2 covid years. it is not gascon. it is a world pandemic and even cities and towns like los angeles and sacramento and manhattan beach have had their share. the covid and masking and returning to work and school is beginning to loosen up, and we - so privileged here in the beach cities and los angeles county - just being positive and not creating more chaos while the world attempts to settle down - along with poor, desperate ukraine - is the key to healing. not more division and strife.

let voters vote, manhattan beach. don't take away individuals' right to self-govern. we need to participate, to pitch in, we the people. not gangs or mobs or politically hungry or divided hate groups, named or unnamed.

let manhattan beach voters to their job. don't do it for them. like parents, you won't always be here.

thanks.

bev morse,  
a parent and grandparent, and four residential property owner.

bev-giiw  
get it in writing!

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**From:** stacy barrows <smartroller1@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:21 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Recall

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I've been keeping up with the debate on a potential recall for Gascon. I feel strongly that this is undermining the voting system, and too early to recall this public servant.

If I didn't have to work I would be attending the city Council meeting to vote and pledge my support to stop the recall. Please let me know if you receive this so I can know that as a Manhattan beach resident my voice is counted.

Stacy Barrows  
Resident of Manhattan Beach since 1981.  
1633 Fifth Street  
Manhattan Beach

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Linda Richards <vblinr@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RECALL George Gascon

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I am a Manhattan Beach resident and I approve of the efforts to recall George Gascon by the Manhattan Beach City Council.

Linda Richards. Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Penny Markey <pennymarkey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 1:48 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Penny Markey  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gascon

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Please do not vote for the Gascon Recall. It is not an issue that City Council should participate in.

Penny S. Markey

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The people that are trying to make the world worse never take a day off , why should I? Light up the darkness."

Bob Marley

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**From:** Chase Harding <chasedashark@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 1:17 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support Council's Endorsement of the Gascon RECALL

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>> Sincerely, Chase Harding

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**From:** Diane Hembacher <diane.hemb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 1:07 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Resolution on Recall of District Attorney Gascon

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council Members,

We are opposed to a City Council endorsement of the recall of DA Gascon. While we are not in favor of all of Gascon's policies, recalls should be limited to extreme situations, which are not present here. Much of the clamor for the recall of Gascon is based on factors that are affecting the whole country, not just Los Angeles County or our community. Although there has been much media coverage of the increase in crime in our county and the state, this seems to be happening everywhere. Further, the reports of Gascon's policy as to charging misdemeanors that happen in our city seem to be based on rumor, rather than actual information.

Finally, if Gascon's policies are shown to be ineffective, there will be a regular election in which voters can elect a different District Attorney in a couple years.

Thank you for considering our position.

Diane & Brian Hembacher

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**From:** Anthony A. Lee <member1700@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 12:41 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk; Richard Montgomery; Hildy Stern; Joe Franklin; Suzanne Hadley; Steve Napolitano  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gascon Recall

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Mayor Stern and Honorable Councilmembers:

My view is that it is utterly inappropriate for the Manhattan Beach City Council to take any position or endorse any candidate for a Countywide election. It would be both unwise and unfitting for the City Council to support the recall of the Attorney General. Just as it would be inappropriate if the County Board of Supervisors were to meddle in a local election in Manhattan Beach.

Anthony A. Lee  
Manhattan Beach Resident



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**From:** Jim Crampton <jcmga60@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 12:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support Council's Endorsement of the Gascon RECALL

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James and June Crampton  
1812 6th St  
MB 90266

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**From:** Fred Taylor <fred@gtgmarketing.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 12:05 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RECALL GASGON.....BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

**Importance:** High

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Our LA County Attorney has proven he wants to lower LA County by NOT prosecuting criminals. Our murder rate is up 94% in just one year. How much more can we tolerate. His office has already communicated they don't care about MB by denying our request for a Redondo partnership.  
RESOLVE that George Gascon BE RECALLED.....IT'S ABOUT TIME!!!

*Be well & stay safe,*

*Fred Taylor*

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**From:** Ronald Garcia <romeybomes@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:45 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support councils support of the Gascon recall

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My name is Laurie Garcia and you have my full support for the council to vote in support of Gascons recall.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** lauren harger <lharger@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote to support Gascon Recall

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Dear Council Members,

I applaud the majority of you for recently affirming a vote of No Confidence in LADA George Gascon. In light of his office's recent decision to disallow MB's ability to prosecute our own misdemeanor crimes, it is especially important that Manhattan Beach residents support his recall. As our elected representatives, I urge you all to vote tonight to support his recall as well.

Thank you sincerely,  
Lauren Harger

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Elyse Gura <evgura@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:23 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Elyse Gura  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recall Gascon Initiative: You have other options!

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Perhaps it will surprise you to learn that I think we need to replace Gascon also. While I agree with some of his policies -- I strongly disagree with many others. Even more -- his approach is all wrong. If he wants to implement change, he should first discuss with all constituencies that have been dealing with these issues to see what will work for LA and to get buy-in from those who will be dealing with the outcomes of change. Directives from the top do not reflect enlightened leadership OR respect for others.

But replacing an elected official is what elections are for -- not recall. And, let's face it -- the likelihood of recall succeeding is low, given Gascon's widespread support throughout the LA Basin (but not the South Bay) during the last election:

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/2020-la-da-race-gascon-lacey-vote-analysis/>

Even if a recall petition is successful -- what comes next? Who replaces Gascon? For how long? Are you certain that the policies we object to will be reversed in the short timeframe between replacement and the next election? Or that new policies won't be similarly onerous? Do we really want to go through the chaos of a few months of a new DA only to be replaced by someone else a few months later?

I have a suggestion for working towards what we really want -- POLICY CHANGE that secures our neighborhoods, our residents and our businesses, rather than making them more susceptible to crime.

Gascon, under pressure, has already backtracked on one policy: he's no longer preventing trying juveniles in adult court (and imposing adult penalties) for certain crimes, utilizing the advice of prosecutors. He's created a committee to review prosecutors' motions to transfer cases involving minors accused of murder, violent sexual assaults and other serious crimes out of the juvenile department and into adult court.

My suggestion: **let's resolve to work with other like-minded cities to apply pressure to get Gascon to rescind or significantly modify other directives that are -- or might be -- negatively impacting Manhattan Beach and other cities.** Chief Abell and others can advise us on where to focus our energy so that this effort really makes a difference.

The above approach has other advantages:

1. It is more likely to get bipartisan support in Manhattan Beach. Think of it!! Liberals, moderates, conservatives -- supporting the same action!
2. It is more likely to get the intended results -- a recall effort, even if activated, has little likelihood of actually replacing Gascon
3. It is more likely to get the policy change that Manhattan Beach deserves to protect residents, visitors and businesses.

The last step of the process: *bipartisan* effort to replace Gascon in the next regular election. You'd be surprised at how many -- across the political spectrum -- would support this.

I urge you to vote against the resolution to recall Gascon .. and resolve to implement the above suggestion instead.

Elyse Gura

**The biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand...we listen to reply**

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**From:** Maureen Denitz <modenitz@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:14 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support council resolution endorsing recall of DA Gascon

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Dear Council

Thank you for all your hard work keeping our town safe and sane under tough circumstances. We have seen the damage that's been done in SF and now it's happening in our County regarding crime and recommit by criminals. We need to send a tough message to our DA Gascon and his deputies. Please endorse the current recall efforts. We should stand arm in arm with other cities in support of this recall. Thank you again for your hard work Best The Denitz Family

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Charlene Harding <charjarhar@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:05 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support Council's Endorsement of the Gascon RECALL

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Sincerely, C Harding  
Manhattan Beach resident



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**From:** Scott C. Chambers <mbchambers4@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:43 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support city's endorsement of Gascon recall

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear city counsel You have my support in your endorsement of the Gascon recall

Please vote no on the solar panels and electric signs.

Regards,

Scott C. Chambers

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**From:** Cathy HOBART <cathyhobart@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:04 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Council Resolution Endorsing Recall Of District Attorney Gascon

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Please stand up for our community and endorse the recall of DA Gascon!!!

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**From:** DOROTHY MORSKI <morski@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022 5:18 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gascon

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I am writing in support of the Council's resolution to recall George Gascon! He was a disaster in the San Francisco area (where I grew up) and now he is destroying the quality of life in our area. It makes NO sense to have laws on the books, arrests made by our police and then NO Prosecution. What is the point of the police doing their job? The criminals know there's little to no consequences for their illegal actions. The audacity of George Gascon, one man, to make decisions about prosecution all the while the residents in Manhattan Beach feel less and less safe. I wholeheartedly support the recall of George Gascon.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Scott F <splinterb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 9:06 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Council endorsement of the recall of George Gascon

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Terri & Scott Fortner support the Council endorsement of the recall of George Gascon

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**From:** Laura Dotson <laura\_dotson@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 8:29 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recall of George Gascon

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I am very concerned at the attempt to inject partisan politics yet again, into our local government. Our police Chief has said that he has a good working relationship with the DA. I trust the Chief. Please do not endorse this recall effort.

Laura Dotson  
575 35th Street  
Manhattan Beach

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Kim Brant-Lucich <kbrant007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 7:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

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Dear City Council and

As a resident, like others I am concerned about crime and its related prosecution. As a Neighborhood Watch Captain, I see our crime statistics and I find them mildly concerning, but not alarming. I am concerned more about hate crimes when I see hateful rhetoric graffiti'd in our schools, and when I hear about schools experiencing threats of guns on campus. I do believe criminals should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

However, I strongly urge you NOT to vote in support of the Gascon recall for the following reasons:

- The Manhattan Beach Police Chief has publicly stated that MBPD has a good working relationship with the LA District Attorney. This vote will undermine that relationship. Why do this to MBPD? **This does not help our MBPD or City.**
- Manhattan Beach has asked the DA's office to allow MB to prosecute its own crimes and to leverage the Redondo Beach Homeless Court; the DA's office has denied the request. For now. This could be further explored, but a vote in support of recall will surely quash any efforts in that regard. Even when a new DA is in place, either after a recall or a new election, MB will be viewed as a City that takes unilateral action opposing an LA County elected official. Relationships are important. **This does not help our MBPD or City.**
- There is no evidence that the DA's office is failing to prosecute Manhattan Beach crimes. The office shared statistics at a City Council meeting and, while the presentation was confusing to many, there was no evidence that MB cases are being ignored.
- Recalls should only be used when an elected official is charged with a crime or malfeasance, and not because citizens are experiencing buyer's remorse or hoping to relitigate the results of the last election
- Our City Council claims to care about citizens, want what is best for our community, and claims to be fiscally conservative, so:
  - Why encourage that our taxpayer money be spent on a recall?
  - Why expect our local taxpayer dollars to be spent on establishing a new Manhattan Beach court for misdemeanors?
- Why is the City Council making a decision about a recall that should be left to voting citizens?
- Whether people are "pro" or "con" the LA District Attorney is irrelevant. The Manhattan Beach City Council has not demonstrated, with solid data, that our City will be improved by this recall.
- Councilmember Montgomery and Mayor Stern have been meeting with the DA's office and it appears the DA's office is willing to enter into dialogue with the City to improve relations, and this outward

statement in support of Recall would jeopardize this ongoing conversation. **This does not help our MBPD or City.**

Please focus on Manhattan Beach issues and stop this political theater. It has no place in local government and will be a disaster for our intergovernmental relationships going forward.

Regards,

Kim Brant-Lucich

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**From:** James Harger <jamesnharger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 5:50 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Council's Endorsement of the Recall

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I fully support the recall of George Gascon and request that each of you do the same.

Elections have consequences. Hopefully the Los Angeles County electorate who voted for Mr. Gascon will do some research next time before they cast their ballots.

Hildy, I know you'll vote against the recall because, being a radical liberal, you support criminals before the residents of our City, I hope that in the best interest of our City you do not seek reelection.

Thank you,

Jim Harger  
63 year resident of Manhattan Beach



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**From:** Mike Michalski <mike@realestateedge.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 9:30 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Vote To Endorse The Gascon Recall

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Please vote to endorse the recall of Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon. George Gascon's policies are a direct attack on public safety and endanger both persons and property here in Manhattan Beach. He ignores laws duly passed by our elected representatives if he doesn't like them. His fanatical woke ideology even led him to refuse permission to have some of Manhattan Beach's misdemeanor crimes tried through Redondo Beach's prosecutorial services, thereby precluding us from using Redondo Beach's well-established homeless court (although I understand there will be one more meeting with Gascon's office on this subject).

In any case, you voted last year, 4-1, to pass a resolution of no confidence in Gascon. We urge you to reaffirm that resolution by supporting this recall effort. The ultimate vote of no confidence should come from the voters.

***Mike Michalski & Sachi Fujita***

**31-Year Residents**

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Jim Phelps <jimphelps56@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 8:54 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Hadley4mb@gmail.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Solar Panels at Joslyn Center/PO parking lot  
**Attachments:** 02.04.2021\_battery+solar\_ITC.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Manhattan Beach city council needs to consider issues that are NOT disclosed by the Clean Power Alliance (assuming battery back-up):

1) Is MB's fire department fully trained in extinguishing or controlling lithium-ion battery fires? There are several notable fire & overheating issues, including Arizona Public Service's [McMicken](#) site and Vistra's [Moss Landing battery farm](#) site.

2) Because of fire hazard and fire control issues, insurance companies are now beginning to decline insurance for parking areas. That means MB could be liable for damage to cars in and around batteries.

- You can read more here — <https://www.cfact.org/2021/09/10/burning-batteries-pose-a-huge-risk-to-ev-mandates/>

3) Finally, MB should question CPA's (altruistic?) motive for installing batteries with solar panels. According to CPA's board of directors meeting materials (attached), it's easier for CPA to finance its solar projects if they are paired with batteries because of the Investment Tax Credit, which bodes the question of CPA's true driver for wanting to place hazardous batteries in Manhattan Beach.

Jim Phelps

## Key Considerations

- CPA prefers near-term online date projects to fulfill compliance mandates
- Securing diverse resources is critical for load-resource balance; however, non-solar projects are higher priced and/or located out of state
- Opportunities for local procurement via this RFO process are limited to standalone storage
- Storage paired with solar is more competitive compared to standalone storage because of the Investment Tax Credit (ITC)
- All long-duration storage offers rank low on NPV and/or are less competitive than their 4-hr counterpart. There are no current regulatory procurement obligations for long-duration (over 4-hr duration) storage

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Charles Southey <Charlessouthey@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 8:53 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Council Resolution Endorsing Recall Of District Attorney Gascon

**Importance:** High

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Honorable Council,

I am writing to share that I support the City Council resolution endorsing the recall of DA Gascon. I was not surprised he turned down your request to shift prosecutions away from his control. Thank you for making this effort.

Sincerely,

Charles Southey  
743 27th Street, MB, CA

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Bradford Williams <bradfordp47@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 6:28 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Council Resolution Endorsing Recall Of District Attorney Gascon

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I agree with Franklin and believe that Gaston's actions are dangerous and irresponsible.

Regards,  
Bradhis

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Richard MacKenzie <dr.rgmac@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 4:32 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Resolution to Recall Gascon

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If there was ever a time that we as a small, previously 'bubbled' beach community, have to demonstrate clear resolve, it is now.

I support and recommend that the MB City Council, unanimously support a Resolution of Recall for Gascon. His policies, based on idealism, are just not congruent with the state of non-communal behavior and discord presently manifest in our Society.

Richard G MacKenzie MD

Alma Avenue

Manhattan Beach.

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Steve Fazio <stevefazio@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 2:46 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Lori Rubenstein Fazio; Mike Michalski  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Council Resolution Endorsing Recall Of District Attorney Gascon

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Please support the resolution endorsing the recall of District Attorney Gascon.

Thank you,

Steve Fazio  
Manhattan Beach Homeowner

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Patricia Lane <patricialane213@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 1:45 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Recall Gascon!!

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

We have lived in Manhattan Beach for decades, and have never felt as unsafe as we do now. It's becoming dangerous. Time to Recall Gascon! He ruined San Francisco, and he's doing the same to L.A., including Manhattan Beach. Vote him OUT!

Patricia and Bob Lane

Sent from my iPhone



## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** cdmthree@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 12:39 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MB City Council endorsement of Gascon Recall

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I am in support of the city council endorsement of the George Gascon recall petition. Thank you.

Chris Di Mauro  
774 31st Street

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Chris Di Mauro [cdmthree@gmail.com](mailto:cdmthree@gmail.com) 310-435-8530

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Tiffany Wright <seden\_lynne@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 3, 2022 12:32 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support Council Resolution Endorsing Recall Of District Attorney Gascon

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Dear City Council,

> I am writing to ask that the City Council to pass a resolution to endorse the campaign to recall Gascon. Manhattan Beach is not being served by Gascon and his office by their lack of prosecuting misdemeanors. As a result, the quality of life and safety of Manhattan Beach citizens has been significantly compromised.

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> Our family has been victimized by crime within the last year. An ebike was stolen out of our garage in MB. Because the theft was considered less than \$950, it was just a misdemeanor under prop 47 (which Gascon helped to draft!) and the criminal who stole the bike has not been punished.

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> Sincerely,

> Tiffany Wright

> 213-500-1433

## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Vicki Crum <vickicrum@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 2, 2022 4:18 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ugly solar installation

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Do not click links or open attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I strongly encourage a “No” vote on this project. It is ludicrous to install this useless and unsightly Structure that will be of virtually no value to our city.

Thank you,

Vicki Crum  
Manhattan Beach

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## Martha Alvarez, MMC

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**From:** Jacqueline Sun <Jacqueline.Sun@bchd.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2022 3:54 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** Alexandria Latragna  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 18  
**Attachments:** CannabisPolicyBrief.pdf

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Hello,

On behalf of Beach Cities Health District, please see attached for our Cannabis Policy Brief that we hope will be helpful to the Council for their discussion on item 18 on Cannabis.

Thank you,

**Jacqueline Sun, MPH**

*(she/her)*

*Policy Manager*

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# Cannabis Policy Brief

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) strives to promote the health and well-being of all members of our community. Substance use, especially among youth, is a concern in the Beach Cities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. Data shows that accessibility and social norms of acceptability play a large role in youth use and initiation of cannabis.<sup>1</sup> Cannabis refers to all products derived from the cannabis plant, and marijuana refers to the products from cannabis that has a psychoactive ingredient.<sup>2</sup> The negative health impacts on youth are especially concerning as cannabis potency has drastically increased over the years. Effective education, partnerships and policy adoption can limit the harmful effects of cannabis on our community.

## Cannabis Policy in California and Beach Cities

- In 2016, Proposition 64: The Adult Use of Marijuana Act, legalized specified personal use and cultivation of cannabis for adults 21 years of age and older, including provisions on regulation, licensing and taxation of legalized use.<sup>3</sup>
- Local jurisdictions have the authority to regulate commercial cannabis in their cities and in 2017, Hermosa Beach became one of the first cities in the South Bay to ban commercial cannabis. Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach followed with bans of their own later that year.

## Retail Cannabis Initiatives

Cannabis proponents have circulated initiative petitions that would allow for commercial cannabis dispensaries in Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. In 2022, all three petitions have gathered enough signatures to qualify for upcoming elections and each of the City Councils are discussing the options of whether to adopt their own ordinances or to maintain their bans on commercial cannabis.

## Youth Cannabis Use in the Beach Cities

Percentage of Beach Cities students who reported using marijuana in the past 30 days:<sup>4</sup>

	2018	2019	2020	2021	L.A. County (2017-2019)	California (2017-2019)
7th grade	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	3%	4%
9th grade	13%	11%	6%	4%	10%	10%
11th grade	27%	24%	19%	15%	13%	16%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey, 2018-21

California and Los Angeles County data are provided by the Biennial State California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) Report, based on a randomly-selected representative sample of secondary schools surveyed over a two-year period. The most recent available data is from 2017-2019.

## How do most kids at your school who use marijuana usually get it? (Mark all that apply)

	Beach Cities 2021 (11th graders)	California 2017-2019 (11th graders)
At school	20%	29%
At parties	36%	37.7%
At concerts or other social events	15%	19%
At their own home	21%	25.1%
From an adult acquaintance	26%	23.8%
From friends or another teenager	46%	44.4%
Buy it at a marijuana dispensary	24%	19.3%
At bars or clubs	2%	5%
Other	9%	11.3%
Don't know	52%	49.6%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey, 2021

In the 2020-21 school year, only Hermosa Beach City School District and Redondo Beach Unified School District included the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) module when administering the CHKS. The Beach Cities percentages listed above only include 11th graders from Redondo Union High School. All three school districts plan to include the AOD module in the 2021-22 school year.

## Increased Potency of Cannabis Products

**Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis has increased over time:<sup>5-6</sup>**

Cannabis Product	Description	Method of Use	Average THC%
Flower	The most valuable part of the plant that contains the most THC-containing trichomes.	Smoke: Joint, blunt, pipe or bong	19.6 – 35%
Concentrates	Specialized machinery uses a combination of heat and pressure, non-solvents or solvents to produce small batches of marijuana extract with concentrated levels of THC.	Smoke: Vape, dab Edible Tincture or topical	Non-solvent: 36 – 90% Solvent: 54 – 69% or more

On average, THC in cannabis products has increased 3-fold between 1995 and 2014, from 4% to 12%. The risk of negative health consequences increases with exposure to high concentrations of THC.<sup>7</sup>

## Negative Health Effects on Youth

### Short-Term Adverse Effects

Cannabis commonly causes an increased heart rate, anxiety and memory impairment. It also causes the impaired ability to perform complex tasks, difficulty thinking and problem solving, decreased alertness and impaired ability to drive.<sup>1</sup>

### Emergency Room Visits

Cannabis-infused edibles packaged to look like versions of popular food or candy has increased emergency room visits among children. California has also seen a rise in emergency room visits related to cannabis poisoning among young children.<sup>8</sup>

## Long-Term Effects

### Mental Health

The amount of cannabis use, the age at first use and genetic vulnerability have shown to influence the likelihood of psychosis. Daily high potency cannabis use can increase the risk of developing psychosis by five times compared to those who have never used cannabis.<sup>9</sup> There is also a higher association between cannabis and schizophrenia; people who start using cannabis at an earlier age and use it more frequently, have a higher chance of developing schizophrenia.<sup>10</sup>

### Brain

Youth are susceptible to the substantial effects of cannabis. Human brain development continues into an individual's twenties, and exposure to cannabis can alter the brain's normal communication mechanisms and the brain's reward pathway. Large amounts of THC can impact normal functions for short or long periods of time, including learning and memory, pleasure and reward, motion and motor control, appetite, sleep, and reproduction and fertility. This includes the disruption of cognitive processes that are important for academic performance and activities such as driving and sports.<sup>1</sup>

### Lungs

Smoking cannabis causes chronic bronchitis and can injure the cell linings of the large airways. It hurts the lungs' first line of defense against infection. Symptoms include chronic cough, phlegm production and acute bronchitis.<sup>11</sup>

## Policy Strategies to Limit Youth Access

Zoning: Limit the total number of commercial cannabis establishments, control the number of retailers clustered in an area and include buffer zones to limit access in youth-sensitive areas like schools.<sup>1</sup>

Signage and Advertising: Under Proposition 64, advertising within 1,000 feet of a day care center, school, playground or youth center is prohibited.<sup>12</sup> Reduce exposure by restricting advertisements on television, radio, billboards and social media.<sup>1</sup>

Manufacturing and Packaging: Ban products that are likely to attract youth and require clear warning labels.<sup>1</sup>

Minimum Age: Under the Health & Safety Code 11357 HS, individuals under the age of 21 should not be allowed on the premises of a commercial cannabis business.<sup>13</sup> Require identification at point of purchase for proof of age.

Smoke-free Policies: Secondhand cannabis smoke has been demonstrated to possess carcinogens similar to tobacco. Smoke-free policies can improve air quality, protect youth and reduce secondhand smoke exposure. Include cannabis smoke, including vaping devices, into public smoke-free laws and enforce policies to ensure smoke-free environments.<sup>14</sup>

## Youth Perspectives

*"Studies show that cannabis use has negative effects on developing brains. That's a fact, but most youth already know that. I believe the bigger concern is access to cannabis if it's in our towns, and that the presence of a dispensary in our community increases the "normality" of it. If it's in our backyard, then teens think it's okay to use."* – Mira Costa High School 11th grader

*"I already see so many cannabis ads everywhere, and the addition of cannabis retailers in Redondo just won't help make youth substance use any better. Having more retailers around will just result in more incentives for students to look towards cannabis to use."* – Redondo Union High School 12th grader

## Beach Cities Health District Position

Based on medical evidence, Beach Cities Health District recommends that youth and young adults under the age of 21 abstain from the use of substances such as alcohol, cannabis, vaping and unprescribed prescription drugs in order to protect their developing brains and optimize healthy brain development.

In 2008, Beach Cities Health District did not support the introduction of "cannabis clubs" or medical cannabis dispensaries in the Beach Cities. This position, as outlined in the "Beach Cities Health District Position Paper: Medical Marijuana," has not changed. BCHD does not support the introduction of cannabis dispensaries for recreational use in the Beach Cities. Parents considering the use of medical cannabis for their children should discuss treatment options with a licensed physician.

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